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Realistic Fees for Technical Education

1432 MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 67 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether a proposal to charge 'realistic fees' for technical education has been made and accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Executive Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education has noted that the present fee structure in technical education institutions is mostly at pre-independence level and needs review. The estimated recurring expenditure for the training of an engineering and diploma holder is of the order of Rs. 12,000/- and Rs. 8,000/- per student per annum respectively. The minimum and desirable non-recurring expenditures required for establishing an engineering college are of the order of Rs. 6.65 crores and Rs. 7.59 crores respectively. The corresponding amounts for establishing a polytechnic are Rs. 3.87 crores and Rs. 4.91 crores respectively. The Commitee was of the view that there is an urgent need to bring fees in technical institutions at a reasonable level so that there is some rational relationship between the fees charged and the actual cost of training. The difficulty, however, is that the paying capacity of an average Indian is limited and if the fees are raised substantially, some loan arrangements to students will have to be made which could be returned over a period of time after they enter into employment. This will give opportunity to meritorious students, and not only to those who can afford to pay more fees. Such arrangements are under consideration.

Progress of District Level Planning

1433. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the District Level Planning as introduced by Government;

(b) what are the States where the schemes have been implemented so far; and

(c) whether any reports on the achievements under District Level Planning have been received from the States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) District Planning bodies have been set up in all States except Arunachal Pradesh and Goa with a view to formulate the District Plans.

(c) Since this is a continuing process, the performance in this regard is discussed every year while deciding the Annual Plans. States have been requested to formulate District Plans so that there is a greater amount of integration of the District Plans with the State Plan.

Montreal Protocol

1434. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the countries which participated in 1987 Montreal Protocol:

(b) what are the details of the discussions held there: